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CONTROLLING A THICKNESS OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN A
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING
OPERATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 30, 2002

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 30, 2002 for which the date for response is August 30, 2002.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT4629.

In response to the restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-15, i.e., the Group I claims.

MPEP § 806.05(e) sets forth requirements for restricting a process and an apparatus for its practice. Claims 22-36 are claims to "means" for practicing the process claims set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder is required. *See* MPEP § 809.04. Claims 22-36 satisfy the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) as linking claims, and are therefore entitled to examination with the elected Group I claims. If they are ultimately allowed, rejoinder is required. *See* MPEP § 809.04. Applicant hereby requests that claims 22-36 be included in the elected Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Daren C. Davis at (817) 578-8616 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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